

Minutes Environment Committee held by Zoom Monday 15 February 2021

Present: Cllrs: J. Curley (Vice Chair)
P. Byrne R. Darlington
S. Al-Hamdani K. Phillips
M. Woodvine

Members of the Public R. Crozier

**499. Apologies for absence
Cllr. J. Battye**

**500. Declarations of interest
None**

501. Approval of the Minutes from the 14 December 2020

Matters arising from Minutes:

M 496 Paper Usage- it was resolved that this matter would be deferred until Covid restrictions were lifted and the Civic was operating to capacity.

Utilities Contract. The clerk reported that the Civic Hall utilities contract ran until 2023. Efforts had been made to try and establish an explanation of the Energy Saving Plan which the Civic is contracted to, however, that was proving difficult. The chair remarked that if some more information could be found then that would be useful, however, the contract was until 2023 and suggested further investigation could take place then.

Solar Panels. Cllr. Al-Hamdani had investigated the possibility of available schemes with OMBC but none were available. It was suggested that a contractor who had presented to Shaw and Crompton Parish Council be contacted. Item for next agenda.

Carbon Neutrality Policy. Cllr. Al-Hamdani said he would forward a draft policy before the next meeting for consideration.

502. Dedication of a Blue Plaque

The chair invited R. Crozier to present the reasons why he thought a siting of a blue plaque was appropriate in honour of A.B. wood.

The committee recommended the proposal be taken to full council and that Mr. Crozier be invited to give further information to all councillors.

503. Take a Bite out of Climate Change.

Cllr. Darlington requested that items 5 and 6 be discussed together. The Chair agreed.

For members to consider collaboration with Shaw and Crompton Parish Council, visit the website: <https://www.shawandcromptonparishcouncil.co.uk/> and consider their involvement with the initiative- 'Take a Bite out Of Climate Change' and to consider including the initiative on Saddleworth Parish Councils' website.

It was resolved that Cllr. Darlington would write a paper demonstrating what the Environment Committee are doing currently and what the committee would like to do going forward and to put forward a climate change agenda for consideration at full council in March.

504. Open Letter: Young Climate Activists

An open letter from young climate activists to world leaders

Members to consider a response (<https://climateemergencyeu.org/>)

See above.

505. Flooding precautions in Saddleworth

Members to consider a response to the information regarding blocked gullies supplied by residents.

It was resolved that as Flooding is an agenda item for discussion in Februarys' full council and would be discussed then.

506. Community toilets scheme

Members to consider a review of the Community toilet scheme, locations and numbers.

It was resolved that the recommendation to retain the present level of funding in order to comply with Covid regulations/ cleaning regimes would be recommended to full council in and that a roots and branch review take place with a view to reporting to full council in April and to pay the grant to the Little Shop (Post Office) as they had been open throughout lockdown.

507. Saddleworth as a Fair Trade Parish.

Members to consider progress of naming Saddleworth a Fair Trade Parish

To be deferred following lifting of lockdown restrictions.

508. Neighbourhood Plan

Members to consider contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan with reference to Environment and Climate Change content.

It was resolved that any policy papers for strategic planning which cover environmental issues are made available to the environment committee as well.

509. Items for the next Agenda (information only)

Community Toilets review

Solar Panel Presentation

510. Date of next meeting: 15 March 2021 18.00 hrs.